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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT SPEAKS OUT
ON LEBANON

1. ON JULY 1 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GENERAL UNION OF TUNISIAN
WORKERS (UGTT) ISSUED DECLARATION ON SITUATION IN LEBANON,
IN WHICH IT EXPRESSED "DEEP INDIGNATION AND CENSURE"
TOWARD THE "WAR OF EXTERMINATION" IN LEBANON. IT SAID
CIVIL WAR "AIMS STRAIGHT AT THE LIQUIDATION OF PALESTINIAN
RESISTANCE AND THE PARTITION OF LEBANON, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH A WELL-CONCEIVED ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST PLAN HATCHED
AFTER OCTOBER 1973 WAR." UGTT ALSO ATTACKS GREAT
POWERS AND ESPECIALLY U.S. FOR EMPLOYING RIGHT OF VETO
IN OPPOSING EVERY RESOLUTION IMPLYING RECOGNITION OF
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RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO HOMELAND AND STRESSES CON-

TINUING SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE, A CAUSE OF "JUSTICE,
SURVIVAL AND LIBERTY." IN CLOSING ITS DECLARATION, THE UGTT
CALLED ON ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS TO END SHEDDING OF ARAB BLOOD
AND TO UNIFY THEMSELVES IN THE FACE OF "WRETCHED INTRIGUES"
AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE. UGTT ALSO CALLED ON GREAT POWERS
TO CEASE USE OF VETO IN UN TO KILL "INITIATIVES TOWARD
PEACE."

2. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON UGTT SECRETARY GENERAL
HABIB ACHOUR SHORTLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF JULY 1 DECLARA-
TION. ACHOUR WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY SITUATION IN
LEBANON AND CONCERNED OVER DAMAGE CIVIL WAR HAS DONE TO
PALESTINIANS. APPARENTLY AT LOOSE ENDS OVER WHAT HE
COULD DO TO AID IN RESOLUTION OF CRISIS, HE PLACED
TELEPHONE CALL TO AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE
IRVING BROWN WHILE EMBASSY OFFICER PRESENT AND URGED
BROWN TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH HISTADRUT TO GET THE
ISRAELI LABOR MOVEMENT TO CONDEMN THE SLAUGHTER OF
PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON.
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